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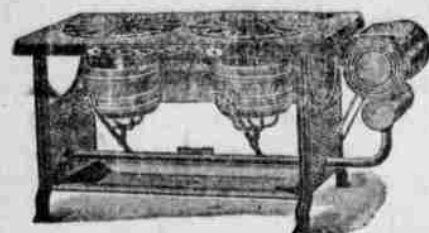
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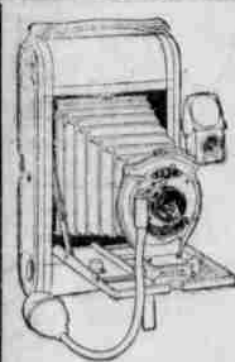


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Conger May Placate China.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Edwin H. Conger, Ambassador to Mexico, may be sent to China as special commissioner to adjust the differences between the celestial empire and the United States. Seven years' experience as Minister at Peking has fitted Conger, for this mission, which, it is reported, may be awaiting him. Summoned hastily from his post at Mexico, Ambassador Conger spent yesterday in Washington conferring with Acting Secretary of State Adee. Today, by special invitation of the President, he is at Oyster Bay, where he discussed the Oriental situation with Mr. Roosevelt.

The special equipment of ambassador Conger for the delicate mission in China had been recognized ever since the boycott situation there became known. He enjoyed especially friendly relations with the Empress Dowager, while Mrs. Conger is credited with accomplishing more through her close friendships with that remarkable woman than all other foreign influences together were able to believe.

Lawson Sued For Six Million.

BOSTON, (Mass.), Aug. 17.—A. C. Burrage, Thomas W. Lawson and about a dozen other defendants were sued today by Paine Webber & Co for the recovery of the possession of 70,000 shares of Copper Range Consolidated mining stock, or failing this, the plaintiff asks that Burrage and Lawson be compelled to pay over \$6,000,000 cash, less certain commissions and expenses, which sum they are alleged to have realized from the fraudulent sale of 70,000 shares of Copper Range in violation of an agreement made in September, 1903.

The suit is the outcome of an allegation by Paine Webber & Co. that Burrage and Lawson have broken a pool in Copper Range which was to continue to September, 1906, the other defendants named being innocent holders of a part of the pooled stock sold by Lawson and Burrage.

Paine Webber & Co. state that Lawson and Burrage cannot now return the 70,000 shares, and therefore they demand \$6,000,000 instead.

Burying Men Fast on Panama Ditch.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—George V. Matlock of Louisville, Ky., superintendent of a dock at Christobal, was among the passengers on the Advance, which arrived here from Panama today. Mr. Matlock said: "Things are very bad at the Isthmus. The diseases prevalent are measles, smallpox, yellow fever and malaria, and there was one case of bubonic plague. The dead trains run from Colon to Monkey Hill, a mile and a half south of Colon, always once and sometimes as many as four times a day, and it has occasionally has as many as four coffins abroad. In fact, there is so much yellow fever about that they keep ten graves always ready for cases of emergency."

"The working clerical force on the Isthmus is about 90 per cent short. One district superintendent I know has worked for seventeen clerks and has so far only five. The Government seems to be delaying paying off the men. Forty-one of my mates were waiting for their money in order to catch this steamer, but only six got it in time to sail."

Miss A. A. Robinson of New York, who had been a hospital nurse for a year on the Isthmus, also returned on the Advance.

"The supply of nurses," she said, "is beginning to fall off, and soon the hospital at Panama will be very short handed. None of those who are leaving now will return to Panama, and many others will leave as soon as possible. The pay is not sufficient. Sickness there is increasing and conditions generally are becoming worse."

"War is truly a terrible thing," said the nervous man with a pallid face.

"But you are not a soldier,"

"No I am a stenographer and typewriter."—Washington Star.

"But," persisted the bridegroom during their little quarrel, "you promised to love, honor and obey me." "Maybe I did," replied the bride, "but I did not have my fingers crossed."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Why Curzon Resigned.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The struggle for supremacy between Lord Curzon, the Viceroy of India, and Lord Kitchener, the commander-in-chief of the military forces, continues. When Lord Curzon threatened to resign if he did not have his way, Lord Kitchener hurried to follow his example, and General Elles actually did resign. So far Lord Kitchener has been successful. He set out to make a complete reform of the Indian military organization on the grounds that it was useless for war conditions. These reforms were handicapped by the military member of the Viceroy's council, General Elles, who had the right to refuse laying them before the Viceroy.

As the commander-in-chief is not the man to be balked in the work he has set out to do, he laid the case before the home government and threatened to resign unless he was freed from the clog upon his actions. The clog was removed. In other words, General Elles resigned on having his powers curbed.

The commander-in-chief is doing his best to get the Indian army in a state of readiness for war; the Viceroy is engaged in attending to India's existing needs, such as famine and plague relief and preparing for the future of the empire by the starting of his great irrigation scheme which, in time, may make disastrous famines impossible.

William and the Diplomats.

The following poem taken from the Chicago Inter Ocean is, at this time when all Europe and their various diplomats are straining every nerve to hold what they have and gain a little more for the Powers they represent, well worth reproducing.

WILLIAM AND THE DIPLOMATS.

When the European statesmen rub their weary eyes and yawn
Do they start the day by putting their official trousers on?

Nay, each scans the far horizon, and then turns with thoughtful brow,

Saying as he grabs his paper: "What is William doing now?"

When a whistle toots in London, or it thunders over Greece,

Or a rooster crows in Paris, or a donkey brays at Nice,

Or it rains at Copenhagen, or a bomb bursts at Moscow,

Europe rises to inquire: "What is William up to now?"

When a cloud floats over Holland, or a Polish baby cries;

When a match is struck in Belgium, or a Swedish maiden sighs;

When in Rome the startled people hear the mooing of a cow,

Europe's trembling statesmen wonder: "What is William up to now?"

When the evening shadows lengthen and the western sky is red;

When the lights glow in the castles and the children go to bed;

When the statesmen don their night-ties and in reverent silence bow,

Each down in his heart keeps asking: "What is William doing now?"

—Chicago Record Herald.

Glaciers Give Up Dead Bodies.

The recovery of a guide's body after twenty-eight years' entombment in a glacier of Monte Rosa is the third restoration of the kind in Alpine history. In 1877, his tourists saw him disappear in the crevasse, and the body could not then be recovered. But during the interval the slow movement of the glacier has been continually bringing it down, until it has been disgorged at last—his ice axe still in the dead man's hand, his pipe in his pocket. The two previous instances occurred at the Glacier des Bossons, beneath Mt. Blanc, where the remains of the victims of the Hamel catastrophe in 1820 appeared after forty-one years, and those of Captain Arkwright (lost in 1866), after thirty-one. Perhaps this third case may strengthen the hope that, as some have been predicting, the body of Lord Francis Douglas, lost in the historic first ascent of the Matterhorn, may be given up near Zermatt this summer. —S. F. Argonaut.

THE NEW VERSION.

Mary had a little lamb;
Its fleece was slightly soiled;
It followed her to Washington
And she got the darned beast
Whitewashed!

—T. K. Hedrich in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Pearls Caused By Parasites.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Familiar as may be the fact that pearls are formed around intrusive foreign bodies within the shell of the oyster, the notion that such intrusive bodies are apt to be inorganic particles, such as grains of sand, must, asserts the quarterly Review, be given up. Recent investigation has shown that the "nucleus" which must be present if a pearl is to be formed, is the larva of some "highly organized parasite," having a complicated and as yet inaccurately known life history. The parasite would seem to form a pit in the outer surface of the mantle or fleshy flap that lines the shell of the oyster, and this mantle, in order to protect itself, secretes a pearly coat around the parasite. "Microscopic examination of thin sections made through decalcified pearls showed that they are almost in all cases deposited around a minute larva, which seems almost certain to be the larva of the cestode or tapeworm." These larvae apparently make their way into the oyster, and the irritation they set up induces the formation of the pearl.

Could Not Phase Her.

A temperance lecturer, who wished to prove to his audience the deadly power of whisky, caused a drop of water to be magnified and thrown upon a magic-lantern screen. The picture was a terrible one. Worms bigger than pythons, crabs bigger than elephants, spiders the size of a ship, fought together in the drop of water like fiends in the infernal regions. The lecturer now caused a drop of whisky to be added to the water. The effect was marvelous. The liquor killed all those ferocious horrors instantly. Their vast claws and tentacles and feelers stiffened. All became peaceful and still. An old lady in the front row whispered hoarsely in her husband's ear: "Wal, Jabez, that settles me. I'll never drink water again 'thout puttin' some whisky in it."

Song Hits of 1905.

It is really curious how certain songs seem to take hold of audiences and please them more than anything else they may hear in a long program of music. This is just the case with "Liz," the clever darkey love song by Jean Lenox and Harry O. Sutton. It is being made a special feature by the Primrose Minstrels, and makes itself easily the greatest hit in the entire production.

Horwitz & Bowers, authors of the "No One But You," and "Everyday is Sunshine When the Heart Beats True," have a new song feature with the Primrose Minstrels, which looks like a big winner. It is entitled "Plain Little Soldier Man," and possesses an individuality about both the music and lyrics which give it special claims to consideration. These gentlemen have been in the field of song writing some years and everything they turn out is known to possess musical worth.

August is a very busy month if viewed from the theatrical standpoint. All the big musical productions such as comic operas and musical comedies are in active rehearsal, including "Elysia," "De Wolfe Hopper's new opera, by Frederick Ranken & Reginald de Koven; "The Catch of the Season," "Edna May's new musical comedy; "The Duke of Duluth," "Nat M. Willis' musical comedy; "The White Cat," "Klaw & Erlanger's musical extravaganza; "Moonshine," in which Miss Marie Cahill is to appear; "Coming Through the Rye," "The Isle of Splice," "Kufsozelum," "The Office Boy," "Red Feather," "A Madcap Princess; "Nancy Brown; "The Mocking Bird; and the "Jewel of Asia," all of the above are published by Jos. W. Stern & Co.

"Did you tell your wife that you couldn't afford to send her to the seashore?"

"I should say not! I'm no amateur."

"Then how did you get her to remain home?"

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